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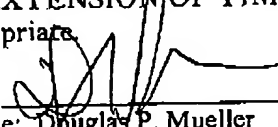
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MS AMENDMENT

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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)): JP 2001-345111 corresponds to US 2001/0026883; JP 2001-307545 corresponds to US 6,680,138; JP 10-312815 corresponds to US 6,042,958; JP 11-204121 corresponds to US 6,224,994; WO 03/041091 corresponds to US 2004/0062970.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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